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Dear Joe:

I am pleased to report that we are about to update the FBIS History, covering the period from the FBIS-FDD merger in 1967 through 1982. We want this volume to focus less on chronology and more on the issues that faced the FBIS leaders of the period and on how the leaders dealt with those issues. It will be prepared primarily for the benefit of future senior officers.

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[redacted] has been selected to do the necessary research, including personal interviews with key senior officers of the period. At the same time, he will be supporting an effort to compile a directorate history.

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In this connection, Dave will be in touch with you to solicit your recollections of the issues, if you are agreeable. If you are inclined to put some thoughts on paper, please do so (or you can contact him c/o FBIS E&PS, P.O. Box 2604, Washington, D.C. 20013; telephone [redacted]). In any case, Dave looks forward to talking with you at your convenience after he completes an overview of some of the files.

Your contribution to this history will be greatly appreciated by FBIS and directorate management and, I am sure, by future senior officers.

Incidentally, I will be reminiscing a bit, too, after the calendar turns. I have decided to retire on 3 January.

Best wishes for 1986.

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Director